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1. Penicillin manufactured in the Soviet Union sells for 1,800 lei per 200,000 units in Rumania. Rumanian ships carry Soviet penicillin, but wherever possible buy their own stocks in foreign ports because the Soviet brand crystallizes unless it is stored at very low temperatures. The penicillin made in other countries can be used regardless of temperature conditions.
2. Antiseptics are unobtainable and gasoline is used instead.
3. Neosalvarsan manufactured in the Soviet Union is used aboard ships for treating syphilis. Its quality is extremely poor and so uneven in strength that it is impossible to gauge the dosages accurately. this was discovered only when patients given the prescribed amount died because of an overdose. After this it became customary to give only one-fifth the prescribed amount to allow a margin for error in labelling of the drug. 50X1-HUM
4. Salves and ointments are non-existent. In a Constanta hospital in early 1950 wounds of all kinds were cleaned with gasoline and then treated with zinc ointment, which was the only saive obtainable.
5. Soap is almost non-existent.
6. Bandages and "cotton" in the Constanta hospital were made of paper. Genuine gauze was used for Party members who came in as patients, but when the dressings were changed the gauze was simply washed and used again.
7. There are no drugs or medicines available for use against typhus.

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